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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, AR, SHUM
SUBJECT: VILLA DEVOTO RIOT

1. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S DETAILED PUBLIC EXPLANATIONS OF THE SUPPRESSION OF THE VILLA DEVOTO RIOT HAVE APPARENTLY ANSWERED THE MANY QUESTIONS RAISED EARLIER. THE MAJOR FOCUS OF CONCERN HERE HAS BEEN WHETHER THE PERSONS KILLED IN THE RIOT HAD BEEN SHOT OR WHETHER THEY DIED FROM BURNS OF ASPHYXIATION.

2. NO ONE HERE HAS QUESTIONED THAT THE PRISONERS INVOLVED IN THE RIOT WERE COMMON CRIMINALS. DEA AND EMBASSY CONTACTS RECOGNIZE THE NAMES OF A NUMBER OF THE PRISONERS AS PERSONS INVOLVED WITH DRUGS. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN MAJOR ARGENTINE PNAL FACILITIES ARE STRICTLY SEPARATED FROM COMMON CRIMINALS AND FACE A MORE SEVERE PENAL REGIME.

3. DEA/BUENOS AIRES IS FOLLOWING UP ON UNVERIFIED INFORMATION THAT TWO MAJOR NARCOTIC TRAFFICKERS ESCAPED
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DURING THE RIOTS.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE THE GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM THAT NONE OF THE PRISONERS KILLED IN THE RIOTS DIED AS OF A RESULT OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS, IT IS CELAR THAT PERSONS INVOLVED WERE COMMON CRIMINALS AND NOT POLITICAL

DETAINEES. WE WILL CHECK NEXT WEEK WITH LOCAL ICRC
REP CONCERNING COHA'S ALLEGATIONS ABOUT
A REJECTED OFFER TO PERFORM AN INDEPENDENT AUTOPSY
ON THE DEAD PRISONERS.
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